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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ODUBER ACCEPTS BANANA COMPANY
ASSURANCE

REF: SAN JOSE 2007

1. ALTHOUGH UNITED BRANDS' REPLY TO PRESIDENT ODUBER'S
ULTIMATUM CONCERNING POSSIBLE BRIBERY IN COSTA RICA APPEARS
TO CONSTITUTE SOMETHING LESS THAN A FULL COMPLETE AND DIRECT
DENIAL, IT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT ODUBER.
THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CHIEF TOLD THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND
THAT THE JRPLY OF THE PRESIDENT OF UNITED BRANDS IS CONSIDERED
SATISFACTORY AND THAT IT HAS BEEN CLEARLY SHOWN THAT NO
COSTA RICAN OFFICIAL WAS IMPLICATED IN THE BRIBERY UNDERTAKEN
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BY UNITED BRANDS IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

2. THE COMPANY'S TELEGRAM TO ODUBER AS QUOTED IN EXCELSIOR SAID, "OUR COMPANY HAS QVER INSINUATED THAT COSTA RICAN OR PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED IN BRIBERY. WE SINCERELY REGRET THAT A REPORT WHICH APPEARED IN THE PRESS, UNDER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL, INCONVENIENCED YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT."

3. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT ODUBER APPEARS TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE BANANA COMPANY'S EXPLANATION, HE STATED THAT INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE AFFAIR WILL CONHVNUE. UNITED BRANDS REPRESENTATIVE ENRIQUE LOPEZ BALBOA HAS TOLD THE EMBASSY CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE BELIEVES THAT A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAVE NOT ACCEPTED UNITED BRANDS' DENIAL AND THAT AGITATION AGAINST THE COMPANY IN THAT BODY MAY CONTINUE. TODMAN

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